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(57) Abstract: A method for post-processing a bit stream of compressed multimedia data having been compressed by a process comprising independent compression of non-overlapping blocks of pixels covering the original multimedia data, wherein a bit rate is reduced by randomly discarding some Variable Length Codes (VLCs). The discarded VLCs are merged with subsequent VLCs to reduce bit rate.

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